

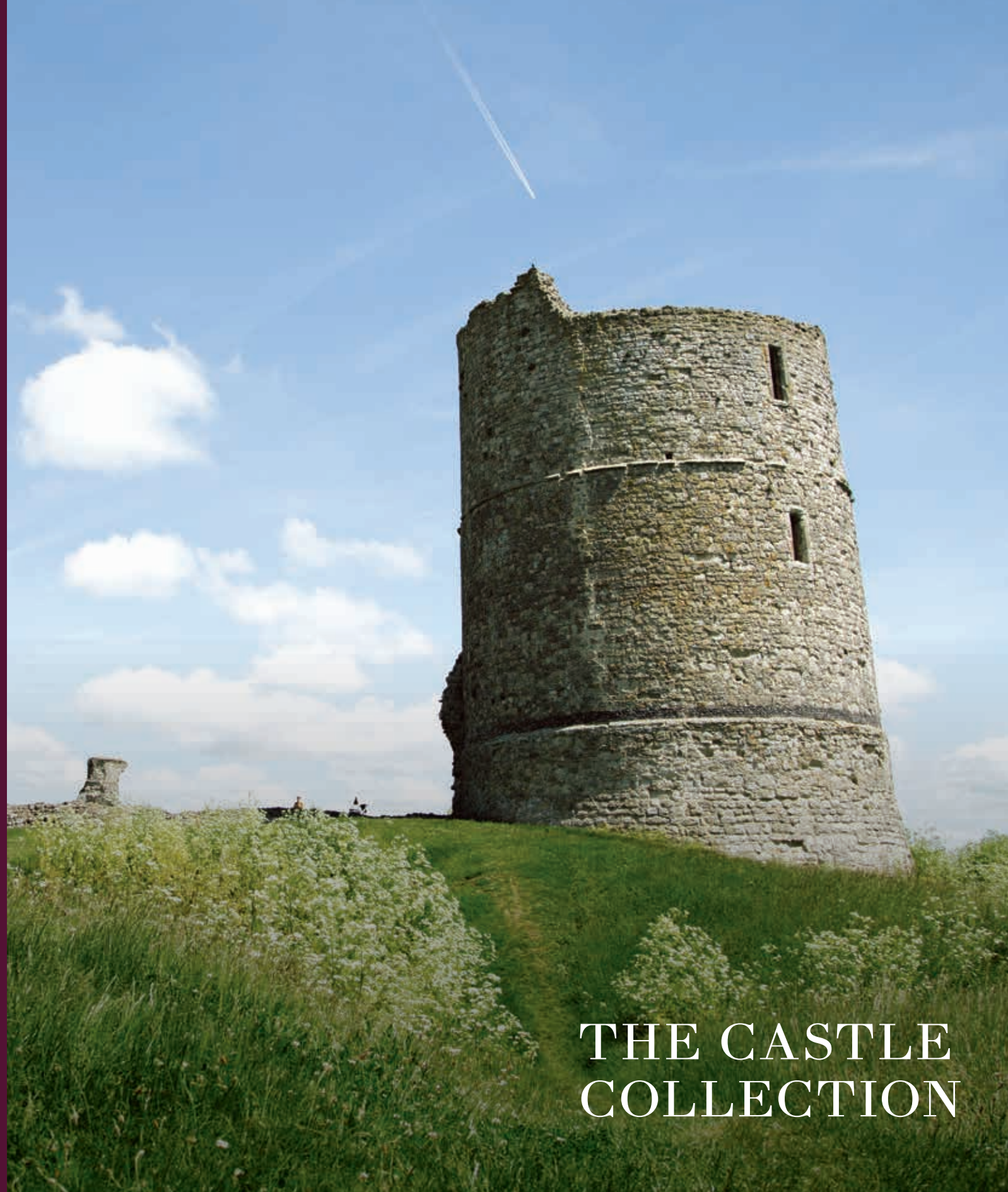
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*The Castle Collection*  
Memorial Brochure



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COLLECTION





# *Introduction*

*How do you mark the loss of a loved one?*

It is always difficult to memorialise a life lived, whether long or short, full of achievements or a life less ordinary. The connections and relationships that have been and the memories that we have will always endure. Creating a fitting tribute that will last a lifetime can seem like a daunting task. A headstone is a lasting monument and a tribute to a person's life, perhaps a final gift to someone dearly loved, so it is important to choose it carefully. We at S. Stibbards & Sons can offer a wealth of guidance and advice based on our long experience of crafting beautiful memorials that will stand the test of time. We will ensure that the memorial you chose will be a reflection of your loved one that is individual to you and them.

## *A rich heritage steeped in tradition.....*

We have been established since 1867, this means that we as a company were looking after families within our communities before many of the local burial grounds were even in existence. Being there from the start means that we have an intimate knowledge of each churchyard, cemetery and burial ground within our locality. It is this unique knowledge that allows us to offer you the very best advice and guidance to ensure that you make the right choice. Using materials of the highest quality and drawing on both traditional and modern techniques our craftsmen will take your vision and produce a memorial that will be a source of remembrance and commemoration for generations to come. We can offer a range of elegant and distinctive memorials, in traditional and contemporary designs, fashioned by hand from the finest granite, limestone and marble. We are able to supply all types of memorials and carry out all the formalities with Cemetery and Church Authorities on your behalf. We also undertake restoration work and the addition of new inscriptions to existing memorials.

## *An Artisan Approach to Memorials*

As our client your thoughts and input into the design of the memorial are important. We understand that your ideas may not be fully complete. We will listen to you thoughts and aspirations for the memorial, we understand that designing a lasting tribute may take, days, weeks or even months. Designing a memorial can be a deeply reflective process and at times upsetting but it can also be immensely rewarding and healing, we will be with you every step of the way.

## *Our Partner*

We are proud to work with Odlings Memorials, one of the UK's leading suppliers of memorials to the funeral industry. Established in 1870 Odlings Ltd are manufacturers and importers of high quality memorials to the Monumental trade, supplying Granite, Marble and Stone sourced from the UK and around the world.

Odlings are specialists in the production of truly personalised memorials, their innovative and creative designs created by a team of multi-award winning craftsmen and women set the standard in the trade. All images are reproduced with the kind permission of Odlings MCR





Below is a brief guide to the regulations that are applicable in our local burial grounds and the type of memorial that is allowed In each. We will be able to give you more comprehensive advice if you have any questions.

Churchyards

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Types of Memorial | Lawn Memorials & Miniature Ashes Memorials                                     |
| Materials Allowed | Light or Medium Grey Granite, Limestone’s i.e., Crown Stone, Nabrasine & Slate |

Regulations

All local churchyards are governed by regulations laid down by the Diocese of Chelmsford. Memorials sited in churchyards must be in keeping with the churchyard and convey the Christian message of hope and resurrection. Familiar references such as 'Mum', 'Dad' and 'Nan' are not acceptable as is most artwork and photo plaques. Any artwork must be in keeping with the Christian belief and memorials must be of a simple design, book type memorials carved in relief are not permitted.

Although slight variation is allowed dependent on the individual interpretation of the regulations, an application must be submitted to the present incumbent of the church for consideration by the parish council. A decision will then be made on the suitability of any inscription or design of memorial.

Cemetries

All the cemeteries allow a vast range of materials and individual interpretation to be used in the creation of memorials. Although the size of the memorial may vary slightly from cemetery to cemetery the design is very much left to the individual client. Many forms of artwork, wording and the use of photo plaques are allowed to truly personalise the memorial.

Initial Decisions

This brochure is designed to take you through all the stages that need to be completed so that you may design a memorial to the memory of your loved one

Stage 1

What type and size of memorial is allowed?

Stage 2

What shape do you what the memorial to be?

Stage 3

What type of stone and colour do you want to use in your design?

Stage 4

Our designs - to help you chose browse some of our more popular memorials for inspiration.

Stage 5

Artwork - Make your memorial truly individual with the addition of artwork that reflects the life and passions of your loved one.

Stage 6

The lettering - what type and colour of lettering will best suit your chosen memorial.

Stage 7

The Inscription, we will help you chose an lasting inscription to remember a life lived.

Sutton Road Cemetery

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Cemetery Authority | Southend Borough Council                           |
| Types of Memorial  | Lawn, Mini Ashes & Traditional Full Kerb Memorials |

Woodside Cemetery

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cemetery Authority | Basildon District Council   |
| Types of Memorial  | Lawn & Mini Ashes Memorials |

Hall Road Cemetery

|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cemetery Authority | Rochford District Council        |
| Types of Memorial  | Lawn & Chamfered Ashes Memorials |

The Willows Cemetery

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Cemetery Authority | Willows Funeral Directors                          |
| Types of Memorial  | Lawn, Mini Ashes & Traditional Full Kerb Memorials |

Pitsea New, Wickford & Great Burstead Cemetery

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Cemetery Authority | Basildon District Council   |
| Types of Memorial  | Lawn, Mini Ashes Memorials & Tablet and Slipper style Ashes Memorials |

Great Wakering Parish Burial Ground\*

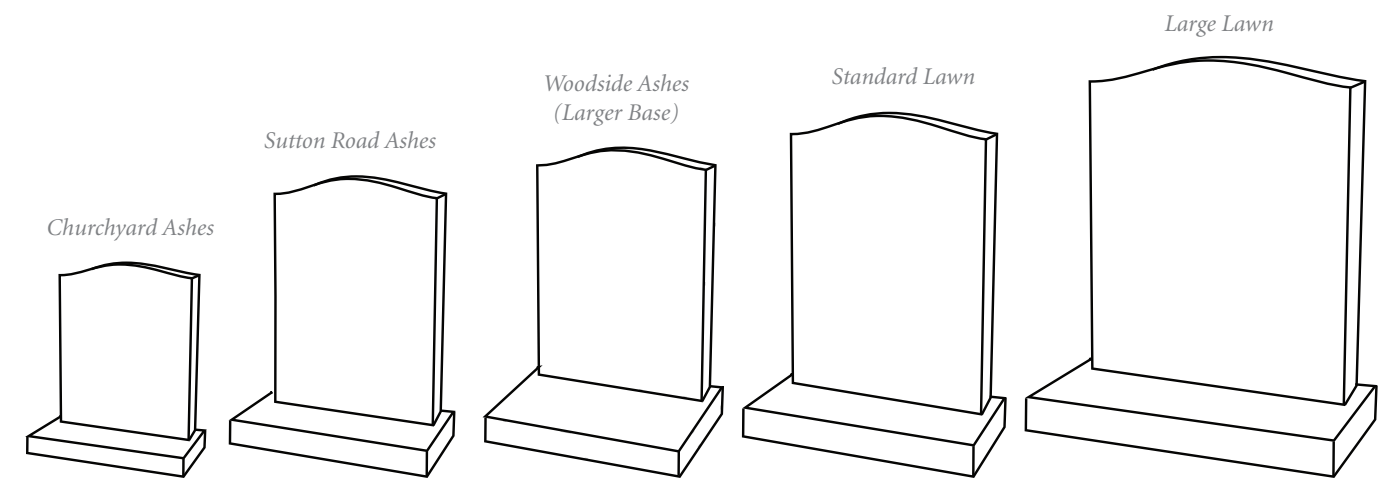
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|-------------------|--|
| Materials allowed | Marble                                   |
| Types of Memorial | Lawn Memorials & Chamfered Ashes Tablets |

\* N.B. Although situated in the Churchyard of St Nicholas Church the burial ground is managed by the parish council. The regulations are reasonably strict, especially in respect of the type of material allowed, however they do allow slightly more individuality in the shape of the memorial.





Types of Memorial

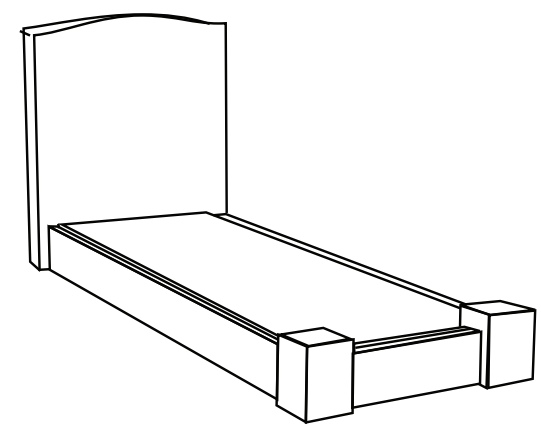


ASHES

Similar in shape and design to a lawn memorial only smaller, these memorials can be seen at Sutton Road, Woodside and most Churchyards.

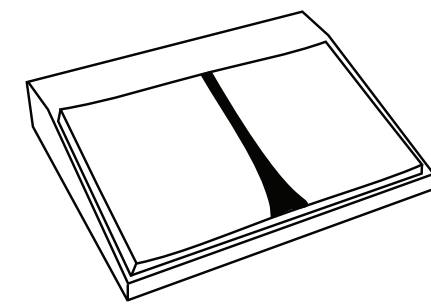
LAWN MEMORIALS

The most common type of memorial, it is widely accepted in most burial grounds and sits on a concrete sub base.



TRADITIONAL

This type of memorial is only acceptable on the Traditional section at Sutton Road Cemetery, the memorial is designed to cover the whole of the grave.



PLAQUES

Generally used for ashes memorials, example of this memorial can be seen at Hall Road and Rochford Parish Cemetery

Memorials

Established in 1867, the memorial stones we provide are produced by skilled craftsmen and artists who are experts in creating unique memorials that reflect the people they commemorate.



H1

Square Top

H2

Checked Top

H3

Raised Shoulder

H4

Square Top and Scotia Corners

H5

Square Top Checked and Rounded Shoulders

H6

Peon Top

H7

Offset Peon Top

H8

Peon with Checks

H9

Square Top and Splayed Corners

H10

Square Top Gothic Shoulders

H11

Oval, Arc or Cambered

H12

Oval with Shoulders

H13

Oval with Checks

H14

Square Top Double Rounded Shoulders

H15

Half Round

H16

Ogee Top

H17

Half Ogee Top

H18

Serpentine Top

H19

Ogee with Checks

H20

Oval Top Scotia Shoulders

H21

Square Top Rounded Shoulders

H22

Round Top Rounded Shoulders

H23

Oval Top Checked Rounded Shoulders

H24

Square Top Ogee Shoulders

H25

Oval Top Ogee Shoulders

H26

Peon Top with Tapered Sides

H27

Norman

H28

Gothic

H29


Deep Ogee

H30


Peon Top with Splay Sides

Types of Stone


Traditional stone that weathers with time, these classic stones are easy to craft and are especially suited to intricate carvings.




Crown Stone




Nabrasina



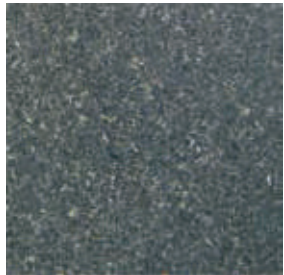
Portland Stone




Marble




Dove Grey Marble



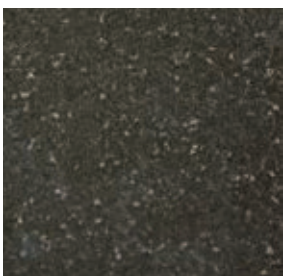
Slate



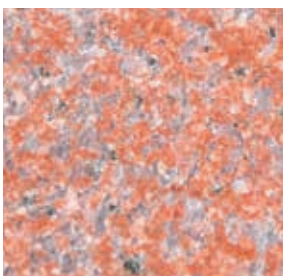
York Stone



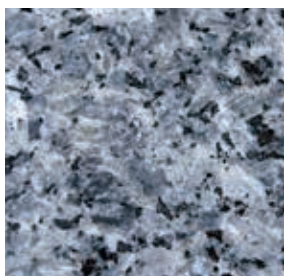
Imperial Green Granite




Black Granite




Red Granite



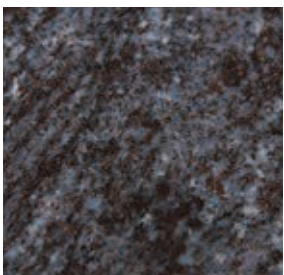
Blue Pearl Granite



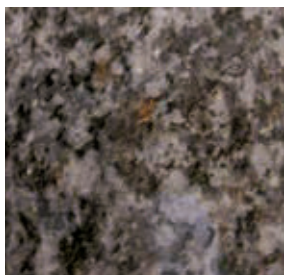
Light Grey Granite




Dark Grey Granite



Lavender Blue Granite



Mid Grey Granite



Rose White Granite

N.B. Stone is a natural material, all images are given for guidance only and may differ from that actually supplied.





HALTON

Polished Black Granite

Sacred Heart inspired memorial



BOWES

Dark Grey Granite

Memorial with statuesque contours



ISEL

Imperial Green

Memorial with chamfered sides and carved and coloured sunflower



STANHOPE

Crown Stone

Dove of Peace design with bow fronted base



HEDDINGHAM

Nabrasina Stone

Delicately carved floral posy design



ROWTON

Crown Stone

Memorial with rounded edges and cross and rose design



GLEASTON

Light Grey Granite

Stately memorial inspired by classical architecture



THORNBURY

Polished Black Granite

Prominent memorial with chamfered sides and ornate carving



NETLEY

Mid Grey Granite

The initials of the two people being commemorated are forever entwined



LEYBOURNE

Ork Stone

Simple Floral design with chamfered base



SANDGATE

Crown Stone

Intricately carved floral design



KIRTLING

Serena Stone

Elegant memorial with carved sides and floral design

**C** Churchyard  
This memorial is suitable for Churchyards



EYNSFORD

Light Grey Granite

Classic Ogee top memorial



CHILHAM

Mid Grey Granite

Honed memorial with contrast finish to the rose design



STARKEY

Mid Grey Granite

Memorial with deeply carved floral artwork to face.



HANWELL

Polished Black Granite

Popular memorial with Ogee top and flowing rose design



DANBY

Mid Grey Granite

Simple, low maintenance round 'Norman' top memorial.



WALDEN

Black Granite

Memorial with etched angel design



KINGSGATE

Grey Slate

Memorial with Celtic Knot design



CRESSWELL

Yorkshire Stone

Traditional shaped memorial with simple cross design



NORHAM

Portland Stone

Memorial with delicate Snowdrop carving



SOMERTON

Polished Black Granite

Gothic shaped memorial with a delicate floral border



ALNWICK

Light Grey Granite

Oval faced memorial with painted rose artwork



DOVER

Dark Grey Granite

Memorial with carved flowers to memorial and base

**C** Churchyard  
This memorial is suitable for Churchyards





HELMSLEY

*Emeralled Pearl Granite*

Disrinctive memorial with pillars and inscription face.



PEMBRIDGE

*Black Granite*

Modern memorial with chamfer to sides



ROCHESTER

*Mid Grey Granite*

Honed memorial with deeply carved floral design



ETONBURY

*Pearl Blue Granite*

Contemporary design with a serpentine top



DALSTON

*Black Granite*

Low maintenance memorial with gilded line to inscription face



BROUGHTON

*Polished Black Granite*

Memorial with gilded Cross and painted rose design



CROMWELL

*Black Granite Memorial*

Memorial with painted rose posy design



OXBURGH

*Dark grey granite*

Beautiful carved Celtic Cross with rustic sides.



CAWOOD

*Ruby Red Granite*

Pitched Edge memorial with carved roses.



RAVENSWORTH

*Lavender Blue Granite*

Memorial with deep carved floral design.



WINDSOR

*Polished Black Granite*

Substantial memorial in scroll design and painted rose



CLITHEROE

*Imperial Green Granite*

The tall vase allows for futher inscription and messages.

**C** Churchyard  
This memorial is suitable for Churchyards



PORCHESTER

Dark Grey Granite

Memorial of simple design with carved inscription to top



LONGTHORPE

Mid Grey Granite

Traditional shaped memorial with raised inscription panel



GREYSTOKE

Black Granite

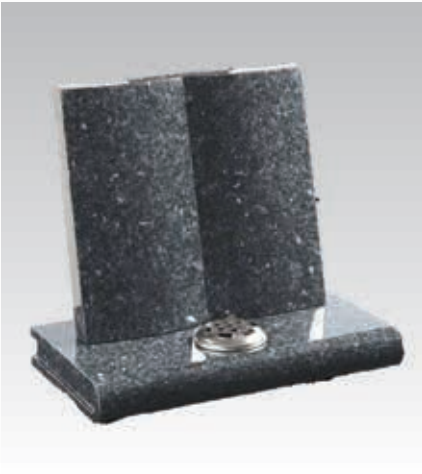
Contemporary design with painted poppies to top of memorial



CARLISLE

Polished Black Granite

Tablet on rests with book design etched onto face



BAMBURGH

Blue Pearl Granite

Caved book on rests with floral design



NEWBURY

Polished Black Granite

Shaped book with tassel on rests



LYDFORD

Pink Granite

Beautiful memorial with painted floral artwork



PENRITH

Black Granite

Modern memorial with delicate etched locket artwork



SHERBORN

Imperial Green Granite

A contemporary shape with modern designs create a stylish look.



MIDFORD

Black Granite

Memorial with etched book and floral design.



AMBERLEY

Pearl Blue Granite

Carved book memorial with chamfered base for extra inscription



CLEARWELL

Black Granite

Etched book design with planter for flowers to front



LINCOLN

Polished Black Granite

Traditionally styled headpiece with square section kerbs and corner posts



WINCHESTER

Lavender Blue Granite

Memorial with colour cross artwork and flower containers



CARISBROOKE

Dark Grey Granite

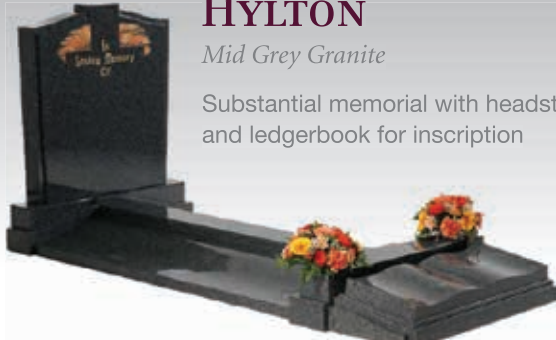
Memorial with intricately carved lattice work to give a contrasting finish



HYLTON

Mid Grey Granite

Substantial memorial with headstone and ledgerbook for inscription



ROCKINGHAM

Light Grey Granite

Ornament has a metallic paint finish for added enhancement.



FEATHERSTONE

Imperial Green Granite

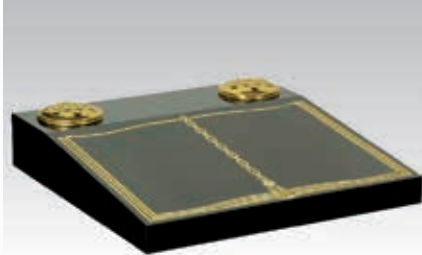
Memorial with painted rose artwork, a cover slab can be added for low maintenance



AT1

Polished Grey Granite

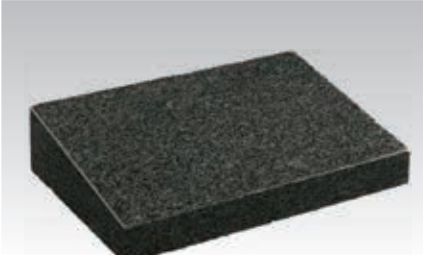
Substantial memorial with turned vase and scroll for inscription



AT2

Polished Black Granite

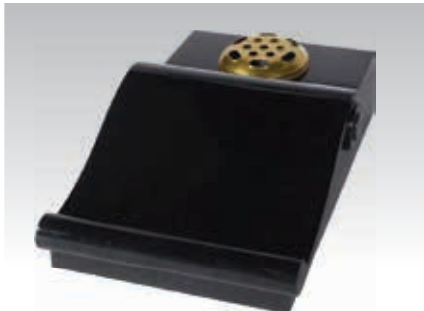
Simple sloping tablet with etched book design



AT3

Dark Grey Granite

Simple sloping tablet



AT4

Polished Black Granite

Scroll tablet with central vase for flowers



AT5

Polished Black Granite

Sloping Granite Tablet with flower vase



AT6

Lavender Blue Granite

Tablet with Heart for inscription and turned vase for flowers.

A flower vase can be added to most memorial to add height and an additional face for inscription.



AV1



AV2



AV3



AV4



AV5



BENTLEY

Blue Pearl Granite

Hand carved memorial with large inscription face.



LITTLE PIXIE

Black Granite

Heart shaped tablet memorial with painted pixie artwork



STORYTIME

Pearl Blue Granite

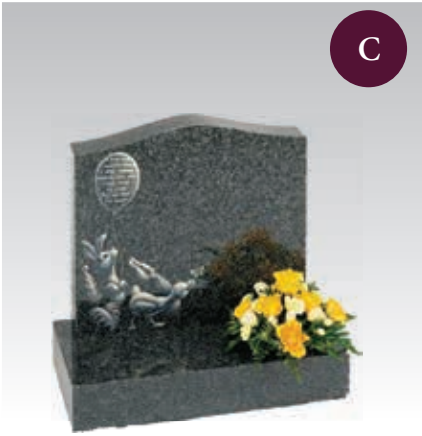
Contemporary design stylised lettering and artwork



FAIRYTALE CASTLE

Black Granite

Finely detailed memorial which can be personalised



FURRY FRIENDS

Dark Grey Granite

Etched artwork and inscription in balloon



FAIRY DUST

Black Granite

Contemporary design with a serpentine top



BUBBLE & SQUEAK

Mid Grey Granite

Beautifully carved and illustrated memorial



SWEET DREAMS

Light Grey Granite

Simple memorial with painted artwork



FAIRY ALPHABET

Ruby Red Granite

Images and letters can be changed to suit any name



BIG TEDDY

Balmoral Red Granite

Teddy Bear shaped memorial with splayed base for extra inscription



MAKE A WISH

Polished Black Granite

Simple memorial with etched artwork



TUMBLING TED

Pink Granite

Tumbling Ted artwork to base and Heart & Book inscription faces



Stage 5: Bespoke Artwork

We understand that sometimes to mark the life of an individual you need something truly original. Our highly trained craftsman are able to produce ‘one off’ commissioned artwork to reflect the person who is to be commemorated. The artwork may be a hobby they enjoyed, the badge of their favourite football team or picture that is special to you.



Stage 6: Lettering



CUT & ENAMEL

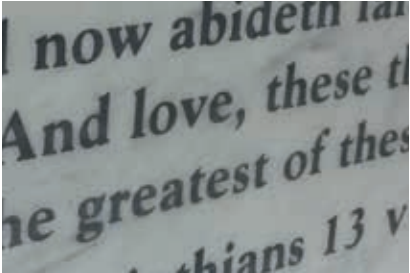
Commonly seen as black but also available in a number of colours, works well with Granite memorials

*Available in a number of colours*



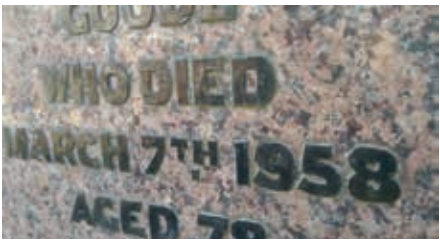
CUT & SILVER

Gives any a memorial a contemporary feel, works well with granite, except those with a ‘pearl’ fleck.



CUT & LEADED

Incised and flush filled, a popular choice for traditional stones, such as Marble, Nabrasina and soft sand stones



RAISED LEAD

Not widely used due to the cost of the lettering. The lead sits proud of the surface of the memorial and is generally painted with black enamel



CUT & GILD

Works well with Granite memorials, especially black. The letters are incised and gold leaf pressed into the letter.

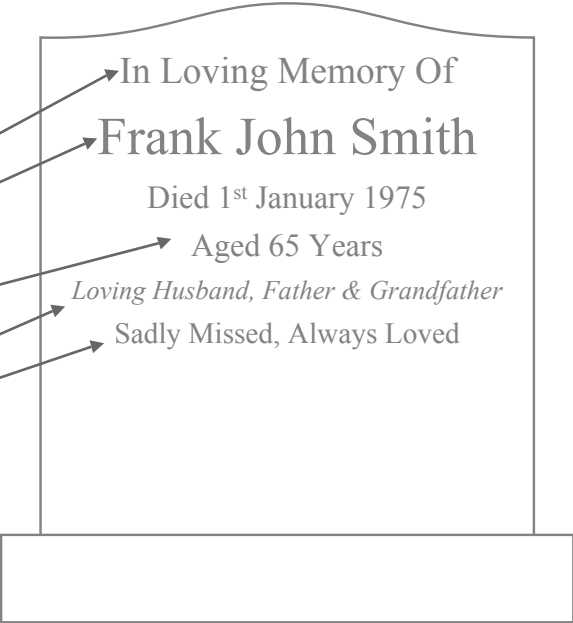


CUT IN RELIF

A low maintenance option, the lettering is cut in relief and not coloured in any way. The different finishes on the stone provide the contrast.

Example of an Inscribed Memorial

- Introductory Text, this expresses your initial sentiments
- Name of the person commemorated, this can be abbreviated and include any ‘familiar’ names
- Date when the person died and their age can be simplified to Date of Birth and Date of Death
- The relationships that the person had can be important to family members
- A closing line or verse to end the inscription



Example Texts

Example Introductory Text

- Treasured Memories of
- In Loving Memory of
- Cherished Memories of
- Sacred to the Memory of
- In Remembrance of
- In Ever Loving Memory of
- Beloved Memories of
- Always In Our Thoughts
- Precious Memories of
- Loved and remembered always

Example Closing Sentences

- The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want
- I have loved thee with an Everlasting love
- Grant him thy eternal rest
- Gone, but not forgotten
- Her life a beautiful memory, her absence a silent grief.
- Requiescat in Pace (May he or she rest in peace)
- Jesus called a little child unto Him
- A tiny flower, lent not given, to bud on earth and bloom in heaven.
- Resting where no shadows fall
- Gone from our home, but not from our hearts
- Resting where no shadows fall
- Gone is the face we loved so dear,
- Silent the voice we loved to hear

Suggested Verses

- To live in the hearts of those we leave. Is not to die. Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die. **(144 Letters)**
- God saw the footsteps falter, that the pathway had grown to steep, So he touched the heavy eyelids, and gave his loved one sleep. **(103 Letters)**
- Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there
- It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
- Goodnight, God bless
- God called your name so softly, that only you could hear And no one heard the footsteps, of angels drawing near, It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. **(177 Letters)**
- There is a link death cannot sever, love and remembrance live forever
- We hold you close within our hearts
- Good times we shared, they will leave us never, Locked in our hearts they will stay forever.
- Dearly loved, sadly missed
- Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts



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YOUR COMPLIMENTARY SEEDS

*You may want to plant these seeds to encourage a bed of wildflowers on your loved ones grave, continuing the circle of life and adding colour until the memorial is erected in permanent remembrance.*

